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Sunday, November 20th, 2016
(Thirty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." — Lk 23:42-43

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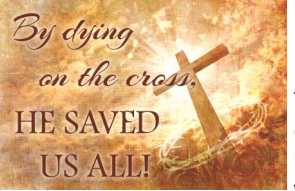
Sat. Nov 19	9-10am 4-4:45pm 5:00pm	Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation ✠ James Blackett (Cargnelli Family)
Sun. Nov 20	9:30am 11:00am	✠ Anthony Filbert (Carolyn Botari) ✠ Missa Pro Populo
Mon. Nov 21	7:00pm	Holy Hour & Reconciliation
Tues. Nov 22	9:30am	✠ Mary Voogt (Voogt & Green Families)
Wed. Nov 23	9:30am	✠ Kelly Morelatto (Racz Family)
Thurs. Nov 24	9:30am	✠ Phil Schertzing (Nancy Horton & Family)
Fri. Nov 25	9:30am	✠ Mick Kennedy (Karen & Michael)
Sat. Nov 26	9-10am 4-4:45pm 5:00pm	Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation ✠ Harry Atkins (Mike & Wanda McGrath)
Sun. Nov 27	9:30am 11:00am	Missa Pro Populo ✠ This Mass is offered for Sanja Velemirovich (Karen & Michael)

Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.
Offertory November 12th & 13th, 2016

75 Envelopes	\$2, 178.50
Loose Collection	\$ 446.35
Total Offertory	\$2, 624.85
Maintenance	\$ 20.00
Haiti (Hurricane Matthew)	\$ 80.00

BEGINNING **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH**, MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED EVERY MONDAY AT 9:30AM. If you would like to schedule a Mass intention, please phone the office.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." The two thieves that were crucified next to Jesus show two very different ways of understanding who Jesus was. The first thief insulted Jesus, prodded him, mocked him. He didn't believe that Jesus had any power whatsoever. Like the sneering crowds, he thought that it was a joke to label Jesus as the "King of the Jews." But the second thief, known in tradition as "the good thief," had a different perception. He understood that Jesus did in fact have power because, as Jesus had told Pilate only hours earlier, his kingdom "is not of this world." The good thief understood that the kingdom of God awaits those who believe in the Lord. And when this man made that final act of faith on his own cross, Jesus promised him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." Today as we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King, we are challenged to have as much faith as the good thief. We are challenged to believe that Jesus is in fact the "King of the Universe," even when it may not appear that way to those who stand by sneering. Jesus did not choose to hop down off the cross and make everything cheery. Instead he fulfilled his mission for an end result that was infinitely better than simply saving himself and those two thieves; by dying on the cross, he saved us all! So we too need to trust that just because Jesus doesn't always answer our prayers exactly how we want or expect, and just because we find ourselves carrying a cross from time to time, it does not mean he isn't in charge! On the contrary, we need to trust, as the good thief did, that Jesus' mission is to bring all of us to join him in his heavenly kingdom.



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CONFIRMANDI CLASS OF 2016
Congratulations to the following students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on November 12th

Olivia Abrunzo	Lauren Knafelc
Ava Colangelo	Trevor Lachnit
Jacklyn Dekker	Michael Lilley
Tamara Garcia	Samantha Meyo
David John Gillies	Emma Riley
Joseph Kita	Emily Tremeer

Thank you to everyone who assisted with preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation last weekend. It was a beautiful celebration for our students, their families and our parish community.

CLOSING CELEBRATION JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY
On **Sunday, November 20**, at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, we will celebrate the closing of the Jubilee Year of Mercy with a Holy Hour at 6:30 pm, followed by the 7:30 pm Mass celebrated by Bishop Bergie. We hope that the Cathedral will be as full as it was for the Opening Celebration on December 8, 2015. All are welcome.

Trivia Night in support of Stephanie Anthony and her fight against cancer: Saturday, December 10th, 6:30pm. Light dinner 7pm; Trivia starts 8pm. Club Belevdere, 57 John St. Thorold. Register as a team off 8 or as an individual. \$25. See flyer insert in today's bulletin. Please keep Stephanie in your daily prayers that she have a full recovery!

We welcome in Baptism Alexandra Taylor Riley, daughter of Kirk Riley & Michelle Chappell. May the gifts which Baptism bestows grow unhindered in us all.

YOUTH MINISTRY: YM for grades 5-8, Wed. evenings will continue through Dec 21st and resume January 11th, 2017. Registration form is on our website http://stannfenwick.wixsite.com/youthministry.

Solemnity of Christ the King: The prayer to Christ the King below gives us a great answer to the often-asked question "Who's in charge here"! When we say that "I am the captain of my ship, the master of my soul," and don't seek God's guidance, our boat is often in danger of capsizing in the choppy waters of life's vicissitudes. Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ can provide us a safe harbour instead! This prayer can be prayed any time of the year, not just on the feast day of Christ the King at the end of November.

O Jesus Christ, I acknowledge you as universal King. All that has been made has been created for You. Exercise all Your rights over me. I renew my Baptismal Vows. I renounce Satan, his pomps and his works; I promise to live as a good Christian. And, in particular do I pledge myself to labour, to the best of my ability, for the triumph of the rights of God and of Your Church. Divine Heart of Jesus, to You do I offer my poor services, labouring that all hearts may acknowledge Your sacred kingship, and that thus the reign of Your peace be established throughout the whole universe. Amen.

Pope Pius XI instituted the feast of Christ the King in 1925 to combat the disturbing growth of secular as well as atheistic thinking around the world. Many rulers and elites in various countries had fallen dangerously prey to the notion that mankind could manage just fine without God, thank you.



Lighting of the Advent Wreath: The First Sunday of Advent will be next weekend. Families or individuals are asked to volunteer to light the candles during each of the weekend Masses of Advent. The sign up sheet is at the back of the church. You may choose a Mass during any of those weekends. The four candles of the Advent Wreath represent the period of waiting during the four weeks of Advent, which themselves symbolize four centuries of waiting between the prophet Malachi and the birth of Christ. There are three purple candles and one rose candle. The purple candles represent the royalty and majesty of Jesus Christ as King of Kings. Purple also represents prayer, pertinence, and preparation. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent, also called Gaudete Sunday, when the priest wears rose vestments at Mass. The rose candle is the "Candle of Joy" and rejoicing because we are at the midpoint of Advent. We have been Preparing the Way for Christ, and we are close to Christmas for the Birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour!

What are the key first steps to enter into Advent? We can all slow down. We can all breathe more deeply. We can all begin to trust that this will be a blessed time. Then, when we let ourselves be who we are, and hear the Scriptures, we can begin to quietly pray, "Come, Lord, Jesus." We might expand that prayer, in quiet moments of our days ahead, "Come into my life. I trust you don't mind if it is still messy. I believe you love me, because I need your love. I don't fear you can't find the way to my heart. Come and fill me with peace and the love only you can give." Some of us will want to open our hands on our laps or hold up our arms in the privacy of our rooms and say out loud, "Come, Lord, Jesus, come into this house, into my family, into our struggles. Come and heal us, and give us join again. Come and unite us and let us experience, each in our own way, a bit of the joy you are offering me now." And, before a single decoration goes up, we have prepared for Christmas' message with the foundation of faith, with the mystery of Advent's gift. God wants to be with us. Advent is letting God's will be done in our hearts and in our everyday lives.

Parish Calendar
November.....
Nov 19th.... CWL Bazaar 9am-1pm
Nov 21st... First Reconciliation, Grade 2 Class
Nov 22nd... Legion of Mary meeting 7pm
Nov 23rd.... Liturgy Committee Meeting 7pm
Nov 26/27.... 2017 Offertory Boxes available for pick up
Nov 27th.... First Sunday of Advent
Nov 29th.... **Morning Mass cancelled**
Schedule of Christmas Liturgical Celebrations will be available soon.

RCIA: If you or someone you know would like to become Catholic, please phone the office. RCIA classes will begin in November.

Catholic Women's League Christmas Luncheon
All CWL members are invited to attend a luncheon to be held at the Keith's Restaurant in Fonthill on **Tuesday, December 6th at 11:45am.** The cost will be \$18 with your choice of three entrees (chicken, beef or fish) and includes coffee and dessert (pie). **Please let us know by Sun. Nov 27th if you plan to attend.** Fill out the form below with your name, phone number and \$18 and bring to the office or place in a separate labelled envelope in the offertory. We hope you will be able to join us!

CWL Christmas Luncheon December 6th

Name:

Phone Number:

\$18 enclosed: Please check off.

Choice of:

Chicken Beef Fish

CWL Membership: We would like to INVITE ALL LADIES OF OUR PARISH to join or renew as members of our Catholic Women's League. Please submit your envelope no later than the end of November. **Envelopes are in your offertory boxes dated Nov. 6th or you may use a plain envelope. FEES ARE \$25.** Please ensure your FULL MAILING ADDRESS OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS is included on your envelope with your payment.

2017 Offertory Envelopes: will be available next weekend in the church hall. Please note that there have been updates made to the offertory numbering system. **FOR THE YEAR 2017, PLEASE USE ONLY THE ENVELOPES ASSIGNED TO YOU FOR THAT YEAR.** This will ensure that donations are credited to the proper person. **If you do not find a box prepared for you, please phone the office.**



Pelham Cares -Throughout Advent, baskets will be left at the church entrance for donations to Pelham Cares. **The type of items needed most include gift cards, Holiday treats, food items for hampers, personal care items, cash/cheque and toys**

Pelham Cares—Gift Cards- \$10 - \$30 from Sobey's, Giant Tiger, Drug Store etc., which can be used as a gift or to purchase Food; toiletry items, etc. **Next weekend**, at the back of the church, you envelopes at the back. If you would like to help Pelham Cares in this way, take an envelope and return it in the collection during Sundays in Advent. **If possible, please have the gift cards to us by the weekend of Dec 10/11.**